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Southbridge, Mass. 01550

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
Southbridge, Mass.



MRS. STEEN PRESENTS DIPLOMA

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

December 31, 1953

SOUTHBRIDGE TYPESETTING COMPANY  
SOUTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS  
1954

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## THE SOUTHBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

### 1953-1954

Mrs. Alexander Steen, Jr., Chairman, 28 Maple St.	1955
Mrs. Frederic Beck, Vice-Chairman, 103 Eastford Rd.	1956
Lorenzo J. Beaupre, 131 Central St.	1954
Eugene LeBlanc, 107 Pine St.	1956
Paul A. Roy, 141 Everett St.	1954
Belmore St. Amant, 11 Edwards St.	1955

### Meetings of School Committee

The regular meetings of the School Committee are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P. M. in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, Town Hall.

There are no regular meetings in July and August.

### Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Robert H. McCarn	
Residence: 17 Franklin Terrace	Tel. 4-6936
Office: Town Hall	Tel. 4-4721

### Secretaries

Margaret R. Connolly, 14 South St.	Tel. 4-6513
Gloria C. Cuikaj, 5 Roosevelt Drive	Tel. 4-8887

The Superintendent's office is open from Monday through Friday, from 8:30 A. M. to 5:00 P. M.

### School Physicians

Dr. William Langevin, 24 Everett St.	Tel. 4-7358
Dr. Adah B. Eccleston, 62 Elm St.	Tel. 4-8141

### School Nurse

Lottie A. LeBlanc, 54 Westwood Parkway ..... Tel. 4-3359

### School Calendar — 1954

Winter term, seven weeks .....	January 4 - February 19
Spring term, seven weeks .....	March 1 - April 16
Summer term, eight weeks .....	April 26 - June 18
Fall term, sixteen weeks .....	September 8 - December 23

### No-School Announcement

The official No-School Announcement for all schools will be given over Station WTAG at 7 A. M.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

#### Expenditures

Salaries .....	\$407,124.38
Other Expenses (Including Transportation, Tuition, Medical Expenses, Textbooks, Supplies, Operation and Maintenance of Plant, New Equipment, Maintenance of Equipment, Capital Outlay, etc.) .....	95,763.35
Playgrounds .....	3,979.89
Contingency Fund .....	4,980.49
Smith-Hughes Fund .....	1,885.09
Federal Lunch Program (Cafeteria) .....	2,000.00
General Athletic Fund .....	802.85
Balance on Hand December 31, 1953 .....	4,700.10

#### Reimbursements

State Aid for Schools (Chap. 70, as Amended 1948 Chap. 643) .....	\$127,269.63
Vocational School (Coop.) State Grant .....	6,771.56
Vocational School (Day) State Grant .....	28,065.31
Vocational School (Eve.) State Grant .....	848.33
Vocational (Evening Apprentice) .....	457.80
Household Arts—State Grant .....	3,228.12
Evening Practical Arts School .....	660.07
Smith-Hughes U. S. Gov. Fund .....	1,885.09
High School Tuition .....	23,599.06
Elementary School Tuition .....	711.17
Vocational School Tuition .....	10,801.93

Tuition of Pupils to Vocational School (Girls' Trade, Worcester)	179.78
Cole Trade High—Evening School Tuition .....	178.20
Cole Trade High School —Goods Sold .....	7.00
Transportation (Charlton) .....	11.52
Transportation Vocational Pupils .....	73.11
Total Receipts Returned to Town Treasurer ..	\$204,747.68

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

In Brief:

Total Expenditures .....	\$514,650.96
Total Receipts Returned to Town Treasurer .....	204,747.68
Net Cost to Town .....	\$309,903.28
In Detail:	
Receipts to School Department .....	
Appropriation .....	\$519,827.42
Smith-Hughes Fund, U. S. Gov. ....	1,885.09
Total — Funds Available .....	521,712.51

### Expenditures

General Control:

Salaries .....	\$ 12,861.50
Other Expenses .....	1,569.49
Total—General Control .....	14,430.99

Auxiliary Agencies:

Transportation .....	\$ 21,279.22
Tuition to other schools .....	959.00
Compulsory Attendance .....	275.00
School Doctors .....	2,000.00
School Nurse .....	2,640.00
Medical Expenses .....	530.89
Total—Auxiliary Agencies .....	27,684.11

High School:

Instruction Salaries .....	\$100,424.70
Instruction Expenses:	
Textbooks .....	2,901.53
Supplies .....	4,969.77
Other Expenses .....	561.49
Operation of Plant .....	14,943.89

Maintenance of Plant .....	\$ 5,094.57
Capital Outlay .....	1,588.79
Total — High School .....	130,484.74

#### Elementary Schools:

Instruction Salaries .....	\$ 185,742.13
Instruction Expenses:	
Textbooks .....	3,578.79
Supplies .....	7,535.23
Other Expenses .....	335.99
Operation of Plant .....	30,028.66
Maintenance of Plant .....	5,622.51
Capital Outlay .....	2,171.87
Total — Elementary Schools .....	235,015.18

#### Vocational School:

Instruction Salaries .....	\$ 60,107.18
Instruction Expenses:	
Textbooks .....	402.70
Supplies .....	3,801.43
Other Expenses .....	312.25
Operation of Plant .....	5,793.93
Maintenance of Plant .....	3,903.90
Capital Outlay .....	2,638.85
Total — Vocational School .....	76,960.24

#### Evening High School:

Instruction Salaries .....	\$ 1,029.10
Instruction Expenses:	
Supplies .....	51.80
Operation of Plant .....	300.00
Total — Evening High School .....	1,380.90

#### Elementary Evening School:

Instruction Salaries .....	\$ 1,030.00
Instruction Expenses .....	8.29
Operation of Plant .....	150.00
Total — Elementary Evening School .....	1,188.29

#### Evening Vocational School:

Instruction Salaries .....	\$ 1,918.10
Instruction Expenses:	
Textbooks .....	48.00
Supplies .....	410.07

Operation of Plant .....	\$ 100.00
Maintenance of Plant .....	102.03
	Total — Evening Vocational School
	2,578.20
Household Arts:	
Instruction Salaries .....	\$ 5,735.00
Instruction Expenses:	
Supplies .....	401.98
Textbooks .....	49.29
Maintenance of Plant .....	60.17
	Total — Household Arts .....
	6,246.44
Industrial Arts:	
Instruction Salaries .....	\$ 3,412.60
Instruction Expenses:	
Supplies .....	85.80
	Total — Industrial Arts .....
	3,498.40
Domestic Science:	
Instruction Salaries .....	\$ 1,835.00
Instruction Expenses:	
Supplies .....	154.32
	Total — Domestic Science .....
	1,989.32
Visual Aids:	
Instruction Salaries .....	\$ 800.00
Instruction Expenses:	
Supplies .....	578.97
Maintenance — Instructional Apparatus .....	51.95
	Total — Visual Aids .....
	1,430.92
Playgrounds:	
Instruction Salaries .....	\$ 2,747.00
Instruction Expenses .....	1,232.89
	Total — Playgrounds .....
	3,979.89
Cafeteria .....	2,000.00
Contingency Fund .....	4,980.49
Athletic Fund (General) .....	802.85
	Total Expenditures .....
	\$ 514,650.96
	Balance on Hand, December 31, 1953 .....
	\$ 4,700.10

## ATHLETIC REPORT

### **Mary E. Wells High School**

Balance on Hand January 1, 1953 .....	\$2,659.19
Receipts January 1 - December 31, 1953 .....	2,611.58
Receipts from Wells-Bartlett Game .....	3,835.80
Total Receipts .....	\$9,106.57
Expenditures January 1 - December 31, 1953 .....	4,763.26
Balance December 31, 1953 .....	\$4,343.31

### **Cole Trade High School**

Balance on Hand January 1, 1953 .....	\$ 313.57
Receipts January 1 - December 31, 1953 .....	1,395.29
Total Receipts .....	\$1,708.86
Expenditures January 1 - December 31, 1953 .....	1,493.20
Balance December 31, 1953 .....	\$ 215.66

## ENROLLMENT BY AGE AND GRADE

**October 1, 1952 (Girls)**

Gr.	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Tot.
I		27	90	3														120
II			12	63	6	1	1											83
III				8	51	8	1											68
IV					20	58	15	1										94
V						25	47	8	3									83
VI							19	41	5	1	1							67
VII								19	27	12	5	1						64
VIII									15	33	6	4						58
IX										18	42	19	7					86
X										2	24	36	10	1				73
XI											21	24	16	2				63
XII											7	21	23	5	1			57
Kdgn.																		74
Un-																		
graded																		3
Tot.	11	90	102	74	77	92	83	69	50	67	80	88	62	40	7	1		993*

**October 1, 1952 (Boys)**

Gr.	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Tot.
I		21	73	4														98
II			12	55	10	3												80
III				12	51	13	3											79
IV					13	61	19	6										99
V						17	48	16	5									86
VI							13	43	7	10								73
VII								11	30	19	7	3						70
VIII									3	22	12	3						40
IX										14	27	5	5					51
X											9	21	8	1				39
XI												14	29	14	3	1		61
XII												10	23	5	2			40
Kdgn.																		90
Un-																		
graded																		6
Tot.	17	94	85	71	74	94	84	76	46	65	56	49	52	38	8	3		912*

\*Cole Trade High School not included.

## STATISTICAL REPORT

Total Enrollment PUBLIC SCHOOLS .....	1,958
Total Enrollment NOTRE DAME .....	746
Total Enrollment STE. JEANNE D'ARC .....	312

Total Enrollment ST. MARY'S .....	226
Total Enrollment COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL (COOP.) .....	18
Total Enrollment COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL (DAY) .....	160

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and Citizens  
of Southbridge, Massachusetts:

The schools of Southbridge belong to you, the people of Southbridge. It is logical, therefore, to assume that you have, or should have, a keen and abiding interest in them. You are entitled to know all about them. In this report for 1953, I shall try to present as clearly and precisely as possible, without color or exaggeration, a true and factual report of the condition of the school system.



PARENTS VISIT OUR SCHOOLS

That a lot of progress has been made during the past year is certain; that there is still room for further growth and improvement is likewise certain.

To better analyze and understand what our schools are doing and to avoid any confusion or misunderstanding on this matter, I would ask you, first of all, to consider the following few pertinent questions:

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF EDUCATION?  
HOW ARE WE ACHIEVING THIS PURPOSE?

In answer to the first question, we might say that the purpose of education in our schools is simply to make the recipient a better individual, a better person, one who thinks and acts correctly toward his parents, teachers, neighbors, companions, his country and his God. Knowledge and true wisdom must be acquired. All his abilities must be developed, trained, and used for the purpose of doing good and avoiding evil. Learning to read with fluency and comprehension, to write, to spell, to calculate, are all fundamental requisites of a good education. Unless these subjects are well taught, then education becomes a farce and a fraud. Boys and girls must be well informed of the glorious history and ideals of this great nation. This means good citizenship in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. A sound education includes emphasis upon health and physical fitness, home life, the ability to earn a living, an appreciation of the fine arts such as music, painting, drawing, dramatics, public speaking, literature and culture in general. The purpose of education also presupposes in the individual, intelligent respect for law, order, and authority in all places, at all times, at home, at school, in public, or elsewhere. A proper evaluation of spiritual and moral truths is expected of every educated person. "Only a fool saith in his heart, there is no God."



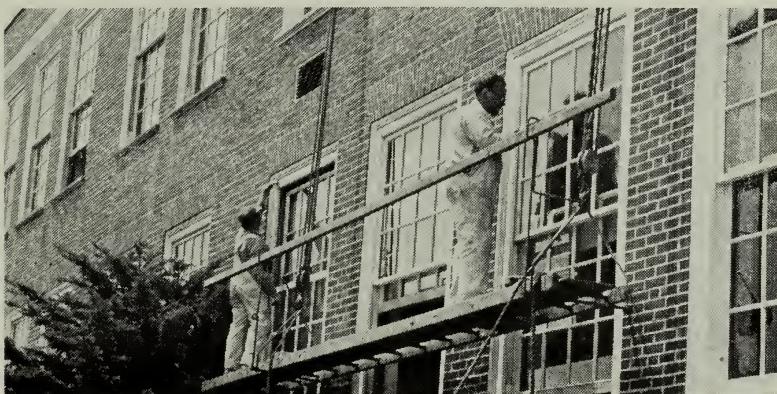
**IN SEARCH FOR TRUTH —  
THE HOLY SCRIPTURES**



**"I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE  
TO THE FLAG . . ."**

Our eyes are always upon improvement of instruction, whether it be in the grades or in high school. The supervising

principals in all schools are required to submit periodic reports of the classroom instruction being given by every teacher. New books, new equipment, adequate supplies, and instructional materials are being provided wherever most needed. The atmosphere and climate of instruction are not neglected. Interior decorating of classrooms with psychological color schemes play a vital part in producing proper surroundings for the learner. Whenever such purchases are made, light colored furniture for classrooms is purchased to replace the old. Light green chalkboards, newly sanded floors with blond finish bring much natural light to rooms that before were dark and gloomy. All this contributes much to the cheerful outlook of both teachers and pupils. It makes their experiences in school happier and healthier. Cleanliness and orderliness are insisted upon in each building. Proper habits, manners, and attitudes are in this way developed for the purpose of promoting good citizenship.



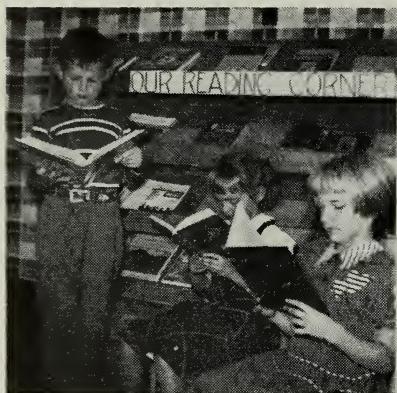
MAINTAINING OUR SCHOOL BUILDINGS

#### HOW ARE WE ACHIEVING THIS PURPOSE?

This report will contain several pictures or illustrations of the learning activities that are being conducted in our schools. These, better than words, will tell you what is being done through education for the boys and girls of this town. We will try to show you the emphasis that is being placed on basic or tool subjects in the elementary grades. Reading and phonetic drill are especially stressed. Notable progress has been made during the year in the primary grades in particular. Adjustment and orientation to school life, begun in the kindergarten and continued in the grades, is worthy of our attention and praise. You would have difficulty in finding a child who does not like to attend school. Teachers are using modern methods and techniques which arouse and stimulate the child's interest in learning. His achievement is such that he acquires confidence and enthusiasm for his school work.



A SCIENCE PROJECT WITH SHELLS



READING IS ESSENTIAL



INDIAN FOLKLORE



PLEASANT ST. SCHOOL NEWS



JUNIOR RED CROSS PROJECT,  
FAVORS MADE BY PUPILS  
FOR HOSPITAL PATIENTS

Let me call your attention now more specifically to some of the more important areas and divisions of our school system. In this way, you will better understand how we are achieving the purpose of education.

#### **Guidance and Placement**

During the year 1953, our Guidance Department has been capably directed by William A. Julien. Guidance in our schools extends from kindergarten through high school. A complete record is kept of every child from the day he enters school until he leaves. This is known as a cumulative record. Achievement tests are given each year. Intelligence tests, aptitude tests are likewise administered periodically.



**APTITUDE TESTING**



**CHOOSING A COLLEGE**

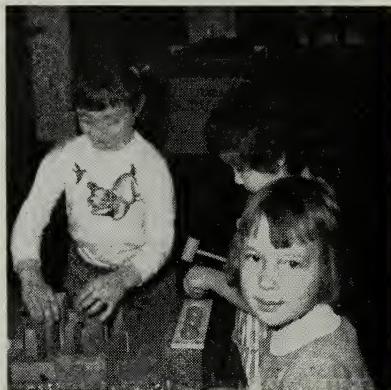
Group guidance classes are held in Mary E. Wells High School for each student twice a week. Speakers from various occupational fields are invited to address these classes.

Field trips are made to professional schools and industries to provide additional help and information to students.

Students are also counseled and helped personally and vocationally to find their place in life. A follow-up study of last year's graduating class shows that 36.4% are furthering their education in colleges or other schools of learning; 38.6% are employed as office workers, operators, clerks, etc.; 11.4% are married; 9% are in the armed services and only 3.1% are unemployed.



**ROTARY CLUB PROVIDES  
RAINCOATS FOR TRAFFIC  
SQUAD**



**KINDERGARTEN PLAYTIME**

Through the guidance department, it has been possible to establish good public relations with parents and pupils in helping them to solve their difficulties and select courses of study that are best adapted to their needs and abilities.

#### **Art**

Concerning our art program, let me quote Miss Claire Birtz, Art Supervisor: "The integrated art program in our elementary schools has been planned to contribute to the full development of each child from the primary grades where he realizes the satisfaction of working with his own hands, to the realistic stage where he gets a feeling for design and ties his experiences to his work."

"In the intermediate grades, work in design, painting, drawing, crafts, and appreciation give opportunities for creative expression to the average child as well as to the exceptionally talented. In the upper grades, more difficult problems are offered, including instruction in block printing, stenciling, the art of lettering, with brush or lettering pen, advanced color harmony, design, and participation in poster contests."



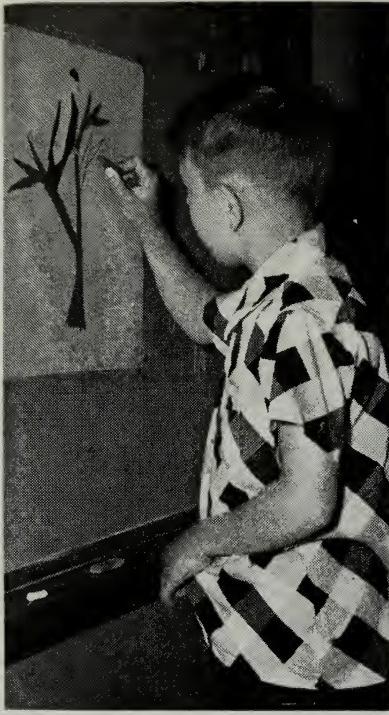
BUSILY ENGAGED



DISPLAYING OUR WORK



A THRILLING EXPERIENCE  
WATER PAINTING



**CHALK DRAWING**

"Mary E. Wells High School offers an elective art course. This course is of great value to students who wish to further their studies in art. Students are given a thorough training in color theory, design, sketching, painting in water color and oils for advanced students, layout, black and white drawings for the school paper, three-dimensional problems, posters, block printing, stenciling, modeling, designing and printing, scenery for school programs, decorations for school dances. The course provides stimulating and practical problems to the average and to the very talented student."

Miss Birtz deserves much credit for her outstanding work and her contributions as Art Supervisor in Southbridge.

#### **Vocal Music**

A new music supervisor, Mr. Ellwood Jenness, was appointed in September to replace Miss Eleanor Van Etten, resigned.

Music activities are held in all grades. New equipment has been purchased and a new textbook arrangement has been made.

There are classes in Music for 8th grade pupils in Mary E. Wells High School. The High School Glee Club now numbers 70 members which represents a large increase in numbers.



**GLEE CLUB**

The Cole Trade High School also has a Glee Club of about 40 members.

Many fine programs were given during the year and were received with much praise and appreciation by the various audiences.

#### **Instrumental Music**



**OUR BAND**

The band has increased in numbers substantially. New instruments of the larger type variety have been procured as

well as several extra uniforms

There were about 40 public appearances during the year. The highlight of the year was the Annual School Music Festival held in Southbridge. There were 55 musical organizations that participated in this event.

The junior band is growing in size and is newly outfitted. It is being assisted greatly by a parents' organization.



A FUTURE MUSICIAN  
AND HIS TEACHER



THE MUSIC FESTIVAL

### Physical Education

The director of Physical Education is Dr. Lewis A. Kyrios. He has done outstanding work in this field and has contributed much to the health and vigor of the boys and girls of Southbridge. Especially commendable is the work being done in the supervised play activities of the primary and intermediate grades, the intramural sports in each elementary school, the gym classes and physical activities in the Trade School.



**PHYSICAL FITNESS**

This program is best explained in his own words as follows: "The aim of Physical Education is, primarily, to make a contribution to the individual optimal growth and development physiologically, and secondarily to contribute to such psychological development as is possible through participation in appropriate vigorous total body activities, according to social and hygiene standards.

In order to fulfill the above aim, our Physical Education Program has been divided into three distinct phases: gym classes, the controlled recess program, and the after-school athletic program.



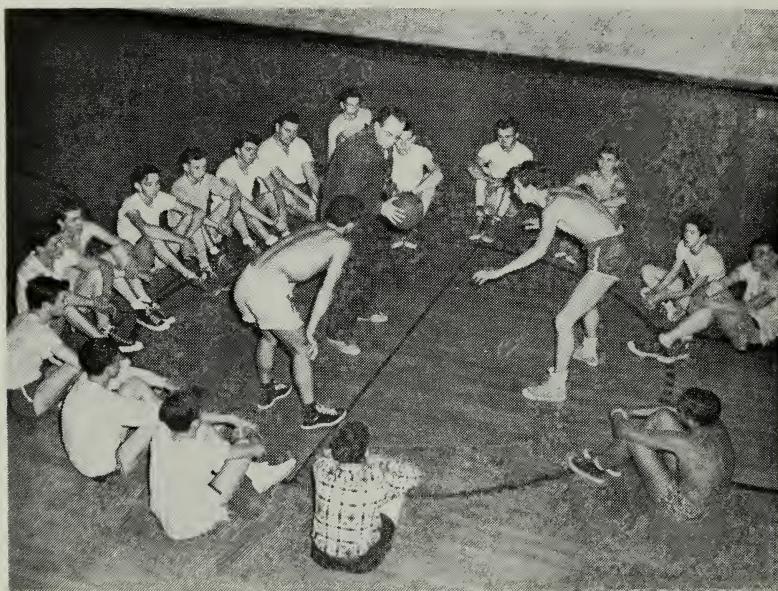
**NEW JACKETS AND CAPS  
FOR TRAFFIC SQUAD,  
DONATED BY ROTARY CLUB**



**ACTIVITY GAME IN  
PRIMARY GRADES**

Regular gym classes are offered to all the students in grades six and seven in our elementary schools and to the entire student body of Cole Trade High School. Each student,

in this plan, averages one hour of regular physical education per week. Calisthenics, development of skills, games, and recreational activities are emphasized. This program is flexible, in order to provide a wide range of physical activities for the many needs and interests of the students in each level. The controlled recess program has been organized for all students in grades one to five inclusive. It has been designed exclusively to provide students opportunities to learn basic skills, to develop good health and safety habits, to encourage leadership and good sportsmanship. The activities offered are based on the abilities of each grade. Approximately thirty minutes a day is given to each grade for this program. A definite time schedule has been introduced to allow maximum use of areas, facilities, and equipment, and to insure safe participation for all students.



**TRAINING IN FUNDAMENTALS — COLE TRADE HIGH**

The Director of Physical Education plans and organizes the program and each classroom teacher administrates the interest of the students in each level.

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time schedule has been introduced to allow maximum use of areas, facilities and equipment, and to insure safe participation for all students.



**HEALTH AND HAPPINESS GO TOGETHER**



**SUPERVISED PLAY**

This phase of the physical education program is planned and organized by the Director, and each classroom teacher administers the program.

In the after-school athletic program, boys play touch football, basketball, and baseball, while the girls participate in basketball and softball. All the students participating in these

activities are properly clothed and supervised by their coaches. Opportunity for participation is the theme of this phase of the Physical Education Program. Competition in the past few years has been keen and better balanced.

### School Nurse

The day is never quite long enough for the many tasks required of our school nurse. Her work has merited much well-deserved praise from many people.

Some of the more essential work being done in this department can be better understood from the following statistics:

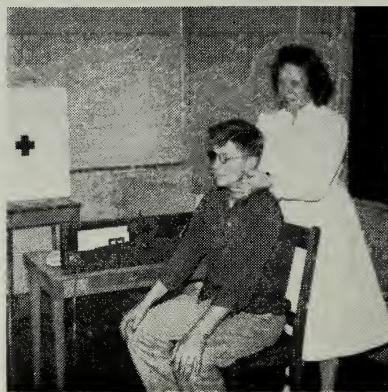
Physical examinations .....	914
Visits to schools .....	195
Vision tests .....	1427
Hearing tests .....	159
Home visits .....	131
Conferences on health problems .....	319
Dental care .....	163
Inoculations .....	221
Chest X-Ray films .....	698
Pre-School Clinic Registration .....	378
Donations for milk by Lions' Club .....	\$800.00
Census of physically handicapped completed.	
Summer camp provided for 5 children.	

Special class for mentally retarded given much attention.

One child was referred to State Crippled Children's Clinic; one to Lip Reading Classes; a home teacher provided for a child unable to go to school; Clear Type Books were obtained from Massachusetts Division of the Blind for two pupils.



CLASS ATTENTION  
REQUIRES GOOD HEARING



EYE TESTS

A new Maico Audiometer was purchased by the School Department to conduct hearing tests.

### **Audio-Visual Aids**

To improve instruction is always our goal if we are to achieve the purpose of education earlier described in this report. The proper use of audio-visual aids can improve instruction in no small measure.

Our visual aids director, Mr. Edward Desroches, has been most enthusiastic in promoting this cause and has worked many long hours in endeavoring to stimulate teachers' interest in the use of these instructional materials.

New equipment has been procured and an Audio-Visual Education course is now being held for teachers of Southbridge through the Massachusetts Department of Education.

### **Mary E. Wells High School**

Principal James M. Robertson reports the enrollment for the year as follows: Seniors—113, Juniors—105, Sophomores—124, Freshmen—163, Eighth Graders—128, making a total of 633.

Ninety-six pupils were graduated on June 11, 1953.



**BACCALAUREATE**

## CLASS OF 1953

### Academic

- Alfred Richard Allard  
\*George Anthony Barbieri  
\*Chritten Paul Benoit  
\*Marie Adeline Benoit  
Barry Lawrence Blake  
\*Joan Elizabeth Bonnette  
Wm. Guerrino Castrucci, Jr.  
\*Paul Norman Costa  
\*\*Barbara Cree  
\*Jane Theresa Darley  
\*Joan Antoinette Darley  
\*John DelVecchio, Jr.  
\*Shirley Demirjian  
\*\*Anne Mary Deterando  
\*Gilda Mary DiGregorio  
Michael Brooks Ellis  
Joseph Henry Farquhar  
\*Maureen Anne Fitzpatrick  
\*\*Irene Joan Gianoutsos  
\*\*Joseph Richard Giroux  
Patricia Anne Giroux  
Annette Louise Godro  
\*\*Elizabeth Ann Guignard  
\*Stefanie Patricia Guzewicz  
\*Thomas John Hmay  
Oliver Lewis Howlett  
Theodore Kalis  
Louise Ann Kennedy  
\*\*Robert Arthur Lariviere  
Donald Joseph Lavoie  
\*\*Arthur Levesque  
\*\*Lorraine Therese Levesque  
Peter Alden Lewis  
Shirley Anne MacKinnon  
\*Judith Ann McDonnell  
Raymond Burgess Maloney  
\*Alice Claire Mongeon  
\*\*Janet Patricia Nichols  
Wilfred Oliver Paul  
\*\*Ann Elizabeth Persse  
\*John Francis Quinn  
\*Kenneth Earle Ramsdell  
\*\*Genevieve Ridout  
\*\*JoAnn Mary Rischitelli  
\*Abbie Mary Roberts  
Donald George St. Martin  
John Joseph Saletnik  
\*Humbert Eugene Sfreddo  
\*Nancy Anne Shaw  
\*David Alan Simonds  
Frances Doris Smith  
\*Mary Elizabeth Sullivan  
\*John Edward Towse  
\*\*Hazelann Undergraves  
William Welch  
\*\*Robert Alfred Yates



A TYPING CLASS

### **Commercial**

*Germaine Juliette Antaya	Andrea Kosta Perikli
*Janet Doris Antaya	**Maria Julia Peters
*Claire Rose Arpin	June Louise Phaneuf
*Claude Francis Bachand	Arnold Vito Renna
*Joyce Mabel Bachand	Louise Shirley Renna
Florence Mary Barlow	*Dorothy Sylvia Richard
Mario Anthony Bernardone	**Gloria Beatrice Robidoux
*Doris Marie Bragg	Elaine Virginia Ryan
**Joan Evelyn Chadwick	**Shirley Joy St. George
*Phyllis Valleda Coderre	*Eleanor Rose Shepard
Dolores May Courtemanche	*Roger Wayne Simpson
**Dorothy Alma Girard	*Henry Skarani
Donald Leo Kowalski	*Barbara Katherine Smith
*Pauline Lovina Lusignan	Sylvia Bette Suprenant
Shirley Ann McGrath	**Paulina Veshia
**Shirley Ann Metcalf	*Mary Frances Welch
Rita Bernadette Osimo	

### **Civic-Social**

John James Hamilton	*Harry Frank Nasse
James Edward Kennedy	Ronald Orlowski
*Barbara Joan Mitchell	

### **Homemaking**

\*Joyce Pauline Blodgett

### **Special Student**

Charles John Tanionos — Commercial

\*General Average of 80% or above for four years.

\*\*Members of the National Honor Society.



**PROM**

The following report on Follow-Up Study of graduates of the Mary E. Wells High School, Class of 1952, was conducted by Mr. William A. Julien, of the Guidance Department.

I think it should be especially interesting to townspeople to know just what happens to our graduates. It is a remarkable record.

<b>Further Education</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Total</b>
Colleges .....	22	
Nursing Schools .....	5	
Junior Colleges .....	5	
Art School .....	1	
Private Business Schools .....	1	
Music Schools .....	1	
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		35

#### **Employed**

Office workers .....	18
Operatives .....	10
Clerical sales .....	5
Hotel services .....	2
Farmers .....	1
Foods Service .....	1
	—
	37

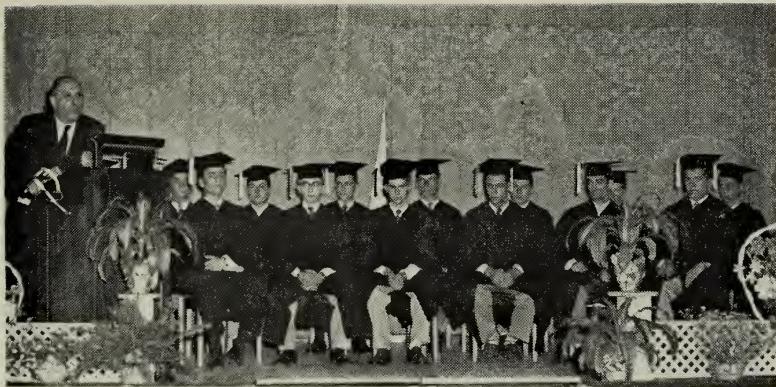
#### **Miscellaneous**

Married .....	11
Moved .....	1
Unemployed .....	3
	—
Armed Services .....	15
	9
	—
	96

#### **Cole Trade High School**

The director of Cole Trade High School is Mr. Raymond L. W. Benoit. His report is as follows:

"The Governors of New England are becoming concerned with the Industrial picture in New England. The new Department of Commerce in Massachusetts lays some of the blame



#### GRADUATION EXERCISES

for this concern on education. They feel that more industries would be interested in settling in Massachusetts if the trained man-power picture was more pleasing."

"Milton P. Higgins, President of the Norton Company in Worcester, is among six Massachusetts business leaders who have endorsed a report, made public April 27, 1953, calling for the strengthening of Industrial Vocational Education in this State.

"We, at the Cole Trade High School, are doing what we can with what facilities we have and hope that in the near future the public will do everything possible to expand our facilities."

I once again recommend that the Guidance Department will expand their efforts in guiding young people who have interest, aptitude and intelligence into trade training.



#### FUTURE CRAFTSMEN

## GRADUATES

## Cabinetmakers

### Draftsmen

## Electricians

## Factory Maintenance

<sup>†</sup>Donald Paul King

Machinists

## Printing

\*\*William Sumner Parker

### Awards

American Legion Post No. 31 Award (Good Citizenship)	Kenneth Austin
Alumni Award—Scholastic Achievement .....	Norman Dumas
Alumni Award—Athletic Achievement .....	Oliva Garceau
Director's Gold "C" .....	Roger Latour
History Award .....	Robert Hall
Mathematics Award .....	Kenneth Kirry
Science Award .....	Clyde Richert

## **Class Officers**

President ..... Clyde A. Richert  
Vice-President ..... Kenneth A. Austin  
Secretary ..... Kenneth R. Kirry  
Treasurer ..... Norman J. Dumas

### Evening School

Cabinet — Mr. Frank P. Skinyon .....	16
Drafting — Mr. John Benson .....	20
Mr. George Braman .....	15
Furniture Refinishing — Mr. Harold Andrews .....	13
Mr. Antonio Orsini .....	14
Machine — Mr. William Paul .....	21
Mr. Edwin Waskiewicz .....	15
Soldering and Welding—Mr. Philip Colognesi .....	13
Apprentice Diversified — Mr. William Nickerson .....	9
Mr. William Julien .....	12
Apprentice Auto. Mech. — Mr. Anthony Capozzo .....	5
Total	153

\*Veteran

†In Armed Service

\*\*Graduated January 1



**GLEE CLUB**

### School Lunch Program

In September, a new supervisor, Miss Ruth Cummings was appointed. There has been a marked improvement in the administration and supervision of the Cafeteria. Much credit goes to the supervisor for the fine work being done in this important area of the school system.



**NEW KITCHEN EQUIPMENT**

Miss Cummings best explains this program in her own words:

"The School Lunch Program is a part of an educational system. It not only teaches good nutrition, but it also affords an opportunity to teach students manners and courtesy. It is an excellent place for them to learn the necessities of every day living. It also gives students who work in the Cafeteria training to learn to use their minds and hands together. The cashiers especially get good experience for future work."

"The first requisite of a School Lunch is to serve good portions of a well-balanced meal at a nominal cost. This has been done at the Mary E. Wells High School Cafeteria this year. The average daily serving is 350. The highlight was the Christmas luncheon when 550 were served."



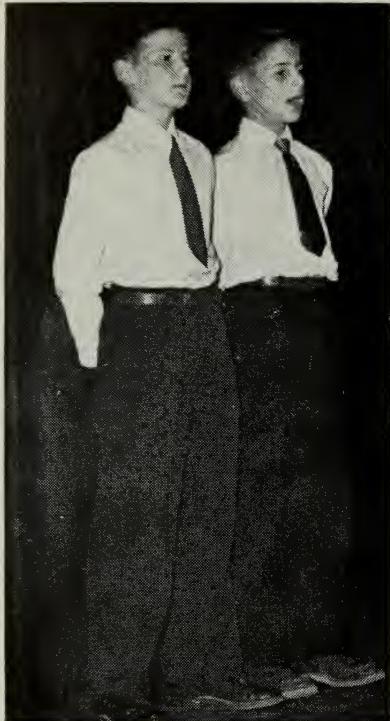
LUNCH TIME

"We are very happy to have a dish machine room which relieves the congestion in the kitchen. It also enables us to meet State Laws in proper dish washing and to do them quicker, as well as to cut down student labor.

"The number of Marcy Street School children buying the School Lunch has increased, which is excellent. They are at an age when they should learn to eat all foods. They also are away from home for a long period and need a hot lunch at noon time. I would like to see this number continue to grow.

"The new trays, being so much more attractive, will have a tendency to increase purchases. The percentage of students buying the School Lunch is good compared to other schools, but I hope it will increase. While 100 percent is impossible, due to the inability to please all, we would like to get as near there as possible. It has been proven that children have better health and do better work if they eat a good luncheon. We are feeding the future generation of Southbridge."

## Speech Activities



PUBLIC SPEAKING



MARCY ST. CHORAL READING GROUP



MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES



JUNIOR PLAY



A CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY PROGRAM



A ONE-ACT PLAY



RUMPLESTILSKIN

## **Homemaking**



**A KITCHEN UNIT WITH  
GAS EQUIPMENT**



**A KITCHEN UNIT WITH  
ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT**



**ENJOYING THEIR OWN  
COOKING**



**PRESERVATION OF FOODS**

Girls enjoy the modern facilities which they have to work with in the Homemaking Department. Every girl now has the opportunity of taking this course for five periods a week for a full year during their high school career. Miss Luise Corbin and Mrs. Barbara Kyrios continue daily to show their genius and initiative in creating and stimulating a keen and sustaining interest among girls of high school age to prepare them to maintain a modern home.

## ADULT EDUCATION

### Citizenship Courses

Adult classes are held three evenings a week for those who are interested in becoming United States citizens. These classes are held in Mary E. Wells High School. Miss Constance L'Ecuyer is in charge. There are three teachers for three groups, representing beginners, intermediates, and advanced. Forty-one individuals enrolled for these courses and took advantage of the opportunities the Town provides for non-citizens.

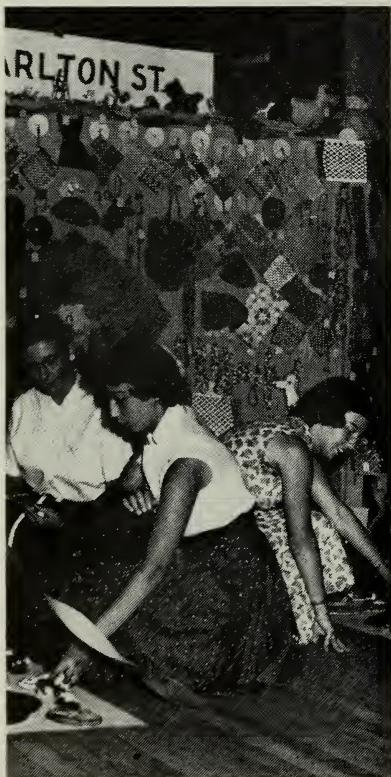
### Evening Vocational Courses

The Director of University Extension Courses and Vocational courses held in the evening is Mr. James M. Robertson.

Two classes were held in Elementary Sewing, one in Advanced Dressmaking, and two in Tailoring.

In the field of University Extension, two classes were offered in Elementary Typewriting, one in Elementary Stenography, and one in Comptometer Operation.

### Playgrounds



Playgrounds are under the direction of Dr. Lewis A. Kyrios. The season began July 6 and ended August 14, 1953. The activities were conducted at Charlton Street, Eastford Road, West Street, and Pleasant Street. The Town Hall was used for the Arts and Crafts Exhibit.

PLAYGROUNDS — ARTS AND CRAFTS DEMONSTRATION

## **Personnel**

General Director — Lewis A. Kyrios		
Supervisor of Arts and Crafts — Mrs. Kathryn Beauregard		
Charlton Street Playground		
Supervisor .....	Mrs. Helen Golden	
Assistants .....	Constance Peloquin, Shirley Demirjian, Joseph Marino	
Eastford Road Playground		
Supervisor .....	Mrs. Claire Kirk	
Assistants .....	Charlotte Beck, Paul Kollios	
Pleasant Street Playground		
Supervisor .....	Daniel Hobart	
Assistants .....	Madeline Proulx, LoraAnn Boyer	
West Street Playground		
Supervisor .....	Elizabeth Duhamel	
Assistants .....	Joan Darley, JoAnn Rischitelli, Gregory Costa	

## **Enrollment and Attendance**

Total Enrollment .....	1260
Average Daily Attendance .....	570
Average Percentage of Attendance .....	43%
Largest Daily Attendance .....	735

## **Arts and Crafts**

A demonstration in Arts and Crafts was held in the Town Hall on August 13, 1953 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 8 P. M.

## **SCHOOL PERSONNEL**

The name, date of appointment, and degrees appear in that order.

Robert H. McCarn — 1950 .....	M.Ed., D.Ed.
William A. Julien — 1945 .....	A.B.; M.Ed.
Lewis A. Kyrios — 1938 .....	C.A.G.S.; M.A.; D.Ed.
Ellwood Jenness — 1948 .....	B.S.
Paul J. Sweet — 1950 .....	
Claire Birtz — 1937 .....	
Margaret R. Connolly — 1922 .....	
Gloria C. Ciukaj — 1951 .....	

### Mary E. Wells High School

James M. Robertson — 1937	B.S.; M.Ed.
Lindzay Varnam — 1943	B.S.; M.Ed.
Nora B. Adams — 1947	
Pauline M. Aucoin — 1921	B.S.Ed.
Kathryn Beauregard — 1922	A.B.; M.A.
Helen Boucher — 1953	B.S.
Rose Brodeur — 1939	B.S.; M.A.
Eva Casavant — 1933	B.S.; M.A.
Laura Chapman — 1953	A.B.
Constance Coderre — 1929	B.S.
Luise B. Corbin — 1923	
Edward Desroches — 1949	A.B.
Paul A. Duhart — 1949	B.S.Ed.
Thecla Fitzgerald — 1926	A.B.; M.Ed.
C. Estelle Hefner — 1933	Ph.B.
Daniel J. Hobart — 1950	A.B.
Persis F. Howe — 1930	B.S.Ed.
Barbara H. Kyrios — 1940	B.S.Ed.
Eino Laakso — 1945	A.B.; M.A.
Claude Lacouture — 1948	B.S.
Arthur D. Lane — 1948	M.Ed.; M.A.
Harry J. McMahon — 1926	Ph.B.; M.Ed.
Elinor Small — 1945	A.B.; M.Ed.
Flora Tait — 1939	B.S.Ed.; M.A.
Frances Troy — 1927	B.S.Ed.
Elsie Wanerka — 1945	B.S.Ed.
John E. Welch — 1948	B.S.; M.Ed.

### Cole Trade High School

Raymond L. W. Benoit — 1949	B.S.; M.Ed.
Maureen A. Baybutt — 1946	
Elsie A. Hofstra — 1933	
Harold A. Andrews — 1941	
John L. Benson — 1942	B.S.Ed.
George H. Graman — 1938	
Francis E. Couture — 1945	Leave of Absence
Walter J. Glondek — 1938	
Ernest Hall — 1926	
Emery A. Lavallee — 1926	
William C. Nickerson — 1941	
William B. Paul — 1942	
Rosaire Pariseau — 1953	Substitute
Eugene J. Remian — 1949	B.S.Ed.
Frank P. Skinyon — 1934	B.S.Ed.
Lawrence F. Swenson — 1932	
Edwin J. Waskiewicz — 1952	

### **Charlton Street School**

R. Joseph Racine — 1944 .....	A.B.; M.Ed.
Leah Sax Cohen — 1951 .....	A.B.
Lorene Fierro — 1953 .....	B.S.
Elizabeth Duhamel — 1953 .....	B.S.
Helen Golden — 1948 .....	
Everett H. Holmes — 1945 .....	A.B.; M.Ed.
Claire A. Kirk — 1949 .....	
Ruth Mahan — 1948 .....	B.S.
Priscilla Quirk — 1953 .....	
Owen F. Ryder, Jr. — 1953 .....	B.S.
Marie J. Saunders — 1924 .....	

### **Eastford Road School**

Raoul O. Lataille — 1939 .....	A.B.; M.Ed.
Mary A. Breen — 1951 .....	B.S.
Elizabeth Curtis — 1944 .....	A.B.; B.S.Ed.
T. Thomas Finnerty — 1948 .....	A.B.; M.A.
Bertha E. Foley — 1912 .....	
Irene V. Gough — 1914 .....	
Cathryn Maxwell — 1945 .....	
Julia C. Morrill — 1914 .....	
Malcolm Nash — 1948 .....	B.S.Ed.
Vincent J. Puracchio — 1950 .....	A.B.; M.A.
Florida Tarquinio — 1942 .....	B.S.Ed.

### **Marcy Street School**

Constance M. L'Ecuyer — 1940 .....	B.S.Ed.; M.A.
*Joseph Angelini — 1952 .....	A.B.
Mary Brady — 1953 .....	B.S.
Kathleen Burns — 1952 .....	
Patricia P. Callahan — 1939 .....	B.S.Ed.; M.Ed.
Alice Wisted Dion — 1926 .....	
Josette Dupuis — 1948 .....	
Francis Flanagan — 1953 .....	B.S.
Ruth Huson — 1945 .....	
Myrtle B. Jodrey — 1944 .....	
Louise E. Steenburn — 1949 .....	
*Military Leave of Absence	

### **Mechanic Street School**

Anita Sfreddo — 1953 .....	Mus.B.
Clara M. Reed — 1918 .....	
Marie E. Skaza — 1949 .....	
Gladys Scott — 1948 .....	B.S.Ed.

## West Street School

Laurenda Boyer — 1926 .....	B.S.Ed.
Yolande Augusto — 1951 .....	B.S.Ed.
Marjorie F. Campbell — 1933 .....	B.S.Ed.
Robert F. Hart — 1952 .....	A.B.; M.A.
Jane Rankine — 1953 .....	B.S.
Emily F. Roberts — 1944 .....	B.S.Ed.; M.Ed.
Eva P. Salviuolo — 1943 .....	B.S.Ed.
Dorothy M. Sheriff — 1945 .....	
Celestine C. Sweet — 1932 .....	
Evangeline R. Towse — 1948 .....	B.S.Ed.; M.Ed.
William E. Rinehart — 1952 .....	

## CHANGE OF TEACHERS

### **Left**

June—Margaret Tuttle—Resigned .....	Cafeteria Supervisor
June—Eleanor Van Etten—Resigned .....	Music Supervisor
June—Bertha Wallace—Retired .....	West Street
June—Ruth Hefner—Resigned .....	Marcy Street
July—Dorothy Bartoli—Resigned .....	Mary E. Wells High
August—Francis Beaudette—Resigned .....	Charlton Street
August—Francis Couture—Leave of Absence .....	Cole Trade High
August—Dorothy Locke—Resigned .....	Charlton Street
October—Joseph Angelini—	
Military Leave of Absence .....	Marcy Street
December—Jane Rankine—Resigned .....	West Street

### **Appointments**

September—Helen Boucher .....	Mary E. Wells High
September—Laura Chapman .....	Mary E. Wells High
September—Elizabeth Duhamel .....	Charlton Street
September—Lorene Fierro .....	Charlton Street
September—Owen F. Ryder, Jr. ....	Charlton Street
September—Priscilla Quirk .....	Charlton Street
September—Mary Brady .....	Marcy Street
September—Anita Sfreddo .....	Mechanic Street
September—Rosaire Pariseau .....	Cole Trade High
September—Ruth Cummings .....	Cafeteria Supervisor
October—Francis Flanagan .....	Marcy Street
September—Ellwood Jenness .....	Music Supervisor
November—Edwin Waskiewicz .....	Cole Trade High

## CHANGE OF JANITORS

### **Left**

June—Joseph Lataille .....	Mary E. Wells High
Appointments	
1953—George St. Martin .....	Mary E. Wells High
1953—Joseph Lataille .....	Mary E. Wells High

### **Janitors**

Frederick P. Alger — 1947 .....	Mary E. Wells High
John B. Craite — 1946 .....	Cole Trade High
Armand Gaumond — 1942 .....	Mechanic Street
Wilfred P. Gauthier — 1952 .....	West Street
Adelard Lavallee — 1952 .....	Wells High
Theophile Leduc — 1943 .....	Charlton Street
Rodolphe L'Homme — 1935 .....	Marcy Street
Joseph Moore — 1941 .....	Eastford Road
Eugene Tetreault — 1949 .....	Pleasant Street
George St. Martin — 1953 .....	Mary E. Wells High

### **CONCLUSION**

How well we are achieving the purpose of education can be judged from the report as given and illustrated with pictures of various educational activities.



**CHRISTMAS TIME IN THE CLASSROOMS**

We still have a school building problem in Southbridge. It becomes more and more apparent that we need a new modern senior high school with adequate facilities such as a gymnasium, to provide physical education for boys and girls; an auditorium, for assemblies, dramatics, public speaking; a cafeteria; facilities for vocal and instrumental music; a library; laboratories; lockers, etc. Our present high school building could be very easily

converted into a junior high school for grades 7, 8, and 9. I believe this building would also be large enough to house the Marcy Street pupils, thereby making the Marcy Street School available for gymnasium purposes. The crowded conditions in the elementary schools would be solved in this manner. The Cole Trade High facilities are also inadequate to conduct an effective and modern educational program.

I wish to thank everyone with whom I have worked for the betterment and advancement of the Schools of Southbridge.

Respectfully submitted,  
DR. ROBERT H. McCARN,  
Superintendent of Schools.



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